The Life and Death of King Richard the second.

Actus Primus, Scena Prima.

Enter King, Richard, John of Gaunt with other Nobles and Attendants

King Richard.

Old John of Gaunt, time-honoured Lancaster,
Hast thou according to thy oath and band,
Brought hither Henry Herford, thy bold son:
Here to make good, the boisterous late appeale
Which then our leisure would not let us heare,
Against the Duke of Norfolke, Thomas Mowbray?

Gaunt. I have my Liege.

King. Tell me moreover, hast thou sounded him,
If he appeale the Duke on ancient malice,
Or worthily as a good subject should
On some knowne ground of treachery in him.

Gaunt. As neere as I could sift him on that argument,
On some apparant danger seene in him
Aymed at your highnesse, no inveterate malice.

King. Then call them to our presence face to face,
And frowning brow to brow, ourselves will hear
Th'accuser and the accused freely speake:
High stomached are they both, and full of ire
In rage, deafe as the sea, hasty as fire.

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